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# Pine Tree Notes

GFWC Maine Newsletter  
January / February 2017



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*Living the Volunteer Spirit with Sparkle & Shine*



## **President's Letter**

Mary K. Libby



“Real Queens Polish Each Others’ Crowns.” -Author unknown.

This little adage holds meaning for GFWC women. It reminds us to be uplifting, supportive, positive and kind in our actions toward each other. This president sees many examples of Maine clubwomen polishing each other's crowns. The work that is being done in our local clubs is not just for the local club, it extends beyond our local communities in the form of food, shelter, heating fuel, academic scholarships, assistance for those whose experience domestic and elder abuse. With each project and cause we support, we are polishing the crowns of others who feel neglected, lost and hopeless.

We have had the opportunity to visit several clubs and a fundraising project. The Gorham Woman's Club was so very welcoming on a cold rainy afternoon. They were very interested in the Nyolo-Hope Primary School Project. Besides working on their community project of adding signs to school areas, they promised to fill their “Bottle of Hope”. I also attended the Literary Club of Dexter. They were getting ready to provide local school children with sugar cookies to decorate. They too were eager to help with the school project.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Semper Fidelis Club of Skowhegan “Frozen” movie fundraiser. The children and adults enjoyed this delightful movie and the snowman kit they all received. Especially popular was the photo op with Olaf, the snowman (aka President Elect Nancy Ames).

What wonderful opportunities to help polish the crown of these groups as they work for their communities. Just prior to Christmas, I was able to deliver over \$200 in school supplies to Dr. Charles Radis for the Nyolo School. The Research Club and the 21 Club donated these supplies. We have received donations from clubs and individuals. Thank you so very much.

The Spring Convention will be held in Bangor, May 11&12 at the Hollywood Hotel and Casino. Be sure to take a look at the information included in this edition. We have some wonderful speakers and programs for you. We will also have as our guest International Vice President Deb Strahanoski. She is a dynamic lady and a great speaker. Dr Charles Radis will also be going us with updates from the Nyolo- Hope Primary School. We also will have as guests 2 State Game Wardens. We are hoping that some of the wardens from North Woods Law will be able to come. This will be an opportunity to learn the role of the wardens have in conservation.

Please return your Hope in a Bottle filled with dimes for our school project.

Continue, "Living the Volunteer Spirit With Sparkle and Shine".

In Federation love,  
Mary K. Libby  
GFWC Maine President

*Proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs*

It is just wonderful to be given the opportunity to share an update of my project with my GFWC sisters.

**Nyolo Hope Primary School Project**  
From Chuck Radis

Due to increasing violence, the parents and students of the Nyolo Hope Primary School in South Sudan have fled across the border to the Karyandongo Refugee camp in Uganda. They have miraculously re-opened the school and 350 students now attend. Many orphans are now attending school due to the efforts of the Maine Chapter of the GFWC. There are now 60,000 people in the Karyandongo Refugee camp. It is well-run and basic sanitation, water, and health-care are available. The school, however, is relying on the support of the Maine-African Partnership for Social Justice, a Portland based non-profit. Dr. Charles Radis, the founder of MAPSJ, says, "there is an even greater need for school supplies, lap-top computers, and support for orphans and teacher's salaries. Thank you for everything that GFWC has done for the school and the people of South Sudan."

## **REMINDERS**

### **Carolyn Lombardi Traveling Trophy Credits Form**

The Carolyn Lombardi form is due no later than May 1, 2017. The form will be sent to Carol A. Jarvais, V.P. rather than Beth A. Turner, Corresponding Secretary. **The form, with this correction, is included in the Pine Tree Notes .**

### **Spring Convention**

A reminder that registration for the Spring Convention is due **April 14, 2017**. The forms are included in the Pine Tree Notes.

### **Pine Tree Notes**

Submissions for the Pine Tree Notes are due to Beth A. Turner, Corresponding Secretary at [lincbethturner@gmail.com](mailto:lincbethturner@gmail.com) no later than **March 15**.

### **Dimes in a Bottle**

To all Clubs please keep putting your Dimes in a Bottle at each meeting to collect the dimes for Mary's special project. Also, keep bringing in the school supplies to go to the school in Kit, South Sudan, Africa. It is important that we, who are so fortunate, can generously support our President's special project. Each Club working together will make this happen!



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Looking forward to receiving articles for the PTN – keep them coming. Due date is March 15. See everyone at the Spring Convention!

**Parliamentary Advisor**

Libby Wiers  
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**Vice President's Message**

Greetings and welcome to the beginning of the 2016-2018 administration. I am excited to be serving as your Vice President and looking forward to what this term has in store. Becoming better acquainted with your clubs and members is one of my goals over the next two years. President Mary has selected a project close to her heart which will benefit the educational needs of children. I can't wait to see what you ladies do to support it.

Which brings me to the main responsibility of my office – reporting. Everyone dreads the process but we so benefit from the results. We get to tell everyone how great we are and how much we accomplish for our clubs and for our communities. We have to “toot” our own horn “cause no one will do it for us.” If we don't report no one knows who you are or what you are doing. Your reports put Maine on the map at GFWC headquarters and tells them loud and clear that we are alive and thriving. I see us as being like the residents on the speck of dust in the Dr. Seuss book, “Horton Hears a Who”. If we don't report (toot our own horns) no one knows who we are here. So, I look forward to reading the wonderful things you will “toot” to me in your reports.

Yours in Federation –  
Carol



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## **CLUB NEWS**

### **DISTRICT 1**

#### **GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club**

We started November off with a bang "Our Lobster Roll Box Lunches." At our November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting we put together the boxes attaching a "Thank You" label. Next morning at 5:30 a.m. some members started to arrive for work. By 2:30 p.m. we were finished. 970 box lunches made and deliveries completed. 155 dozen homemade cookies contributed by the members were included in these boxes.

At our next meeting Dale Hanington spoke about the Wreaths Across America program and showed a video on its beginning. Rosemary Holleman, one of our members, has made this weeklong trip to Arlington Cemetery six times. She shared some of her experiences which gave us a better insight of the greatness of this program.

Then we had the fun of filling 39 Christmas bags with many little goodies to be given to some shut-in residents.

December was another busy month. Our first project was to decorate a Christmas tree which

the Club sponsors in the Festival of Trees celebration. Our Theme was Living the Volunteer Spirit with Sparkle and Shine.

Our first December meeting was replaced by the Mad Hatters Tea Party. This is given by the Club for people in nursing facilities, retirement homes and the general public. Some arrive in wheelchairs and walkers proudly wearing their funny hats. About 100 Guests attended. Members served tea and cookies (tea is served in bone china cups), visited with the guests, and provided greeters from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the Festival of Trees. Music was provided by the Lighthouse Jubilee singers and was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting was our Christmas luncheon catered by Westbrook Warren Congregational Church which was great as always. After lunch we listened to some great music performed by the Westbrook High School Jazz Band.

Welcome 2017 – first meeting in January had two very interesting speakers. Leslie Skillings gave us some in depth information of the Trauma Intervention program. Rachel Hobbs updated us in what is happening at the Women's Crisis Center. This organization is one where we contribute many various items.

Next meeting Catherine Nutter, our Representative to Dirigo Girls State spoke about various political procedures she had learned. Mohamed Alhac, our Representative to Maine Youth Leadership said he learned how to be a proficient leader. He then told us about his recent trip to Sudan to visit his grandparents which turned out to be a complicated process. Spoke about the sad things he saw and great poverty (Mary Libby, our

State President picked right up on this). Coming back he realized even more how lucky he was to be in America. Both students then thanked the Club for giving them this opportunity.

Last speaker was Megan Libby, who showed us the spinning of yarn from the raw material to the finished product. It was a great demonstration and we learned a lot.

Marian Sturtevant, President

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#### **GFWC Gorham Woman's Club**

Oct. had the Gorham Woman's Club gathering for a Pot Luck lunch and games. A special presentation was made by Wendy Bowler to Alice Keddy for all her work with the Libraries which all members donated to, "Books for tots" and a special book bag was made for Alice, she has done this for over 20 yrs. and the Tots look forward to their bag at the end of May each year.

Nov. was card signing for the Scarborough Veterans Home. JoAnn Means headed this program up and all members donated Christmas cards and signed them for the folks at the Home.

Dec. was GWC gathering, in-between snow storms, at Nancy Kenty's home for Pot Luck lunch, Nancy had made a special desert and table favors, it was very festive.

Jan. meeting will have our State President, Mary Libby as our speaker, weather permitting.

Happy New Year.  
Gorham Woman's Club  
Allene Bowler, President



## **GFWC Research Club**

The 21 Club of Kezar Falls joined us for our November meeting. Mary Libby our GFWC Maine State President and Dr. Charles Radis were to join us for the evening. Due to a mix up in dates Dr. Radis couldn't join us but Mary made the meeting later than scheduled. We held our business meeting despite the 21 club being in attendance and had our refreshment time. We were so glad that Mary was able to come as she presented her President's Project with her passion for this cause. After her telling us about the Maine-African Partnership for Social Justice and the Sudan school she was given a bin full of school items that had been collected by both club members.

On Election Day some of our members were used as part of the election team monitors, although this is a paid position we are still representing our club and took the opportunity to talk to women about coming to our meetings!

December is a very busy month for our club. On Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> we participate in our town's Tree Lighting. We hold a Christmas Carol sing along around the town's bandstand (we had it painted as one of our projects and keep flowers planted around it too.) After the sing along we treat the town to a cookie and hot Cocoa party in our old town hall. Many attend and I've noticed that other towns in our general area are now doing a similar function. We have our annual Christmas party as our meeting. Members bring their gifts for the veterans, and Caring unlimited. Our Historian, Nina Stitson challenged us to find a 25 cent gift for our Yankee Swap as she had read in one of her reports that our club member's years ago

had brought 10 cent gifts for their Yankee swap. It was a challenge but fun to see what the ladies were able to find.

## **DISTRICT 2**

### **GFWC Livermore Falls Women's Club**

We hope that everyone had an awesome Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, and looking forward to what 2017 has to bring us! We started out our year in September with a Tea. At this meeting we installed our new officers for 2017-2018. President: Marion Hogan-Posa, Vice President: Ellen Young, Secretary: Madeleine Wininger and Treasurer: Christine Fournier. We have added this year a Parliamentarian: Frances Berry. We were excited to present ESO awards to Nancy Connant for Century, Ruth Gamman for Torch and Linda Burdo for Torch.

At our October luncheon at LaFleurs Restaurant we were excited to have a presentation of Vintage clothing. It was a wonderful program that was enjoyed by all with much interaction from our members. It was fun looking at some of the clothing and accessories and thinking, wow, I had an outfit like that.

We have been supporters of Safe Voices for many years with our gently used purses filled for the shelter to hand out. This year we were asked to donate a Gift Certificate. The certificates were used to give out Thanksgiving dinners.

In December each year, we have a Holiday Luncheon with the Historic Society. We enjoyed a luncheon and listened to Christmas music. We collect cash

and food for our local food pantry.

September was the beginning of the regular meetings, starting off with Dale Jandreau updating us on the library elevator project. In October, Tammy Barker from Somerset Communications told us about their program for staying safe at home and an elder calling program. In November, Ginny Jewell from Ginny's Natural Foods, spoke about the value of good nutritional sources and service events she hosts at her business. December featured our annual auction. The members decorated cookies with over 200 children during the Holiday Stroll, and painted birdhouses and decorated a tree at the Redington Home, (which took 1<sup>st</sup> place).

In Jan., we will hear about beneficial herbs, and have an ESO meeting after the regular meeting.

A special event being sponsored by the club is a "Winter Craft Series" to be held at the Skowhegan Free Public Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of Jan., Feb., and March, 10AM-12noon. This is free to the public and the crafts will be able to be finished in one session. The 6 crafts featured are: card embroidery, vintage card making, jewelry basics, stained glass, watercolor basics, and crocheting. Craft chairman Billie Sherman will be leading the sessions.

Our club was saddened to lose a wonderful member, Dot Cleaver, this fall. She was so devoted to her community and always kind, a true friend to all. We shall miss her dearly.

Best wishes to all for a "Happy New Year." We would also at this time like to thank Barbara Letalian, who retired as our Treasurer after many years of



faithful service. She did a spectacular job. Now she gets to sit in a regular chair and enjoy!!!

### **GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club**

The GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club was happy to have Speaker Gail Edwards in January. She spoke about "Beneficial Herbs for our Health." In February we will be hearing from Midge Pomelow. She runs the children's acting camps at Lakewood Theater and will be speaking about the young actors as well as the new Henderson House.

A "Winter Craft Series" is being presented by the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club this winter at the Skowhegan Free Public Library. Craft Chairman Billie Sherman and her committee presented two January sessions on Card Embroidery, and Vintage Valentine Cards. All classes are free and the public is welcome. Upcoming are: Feb. 9: Jewelry Basics, Feb. 23: Stained Glass Sailboats, Mar. 9: Water Color Basics and Mar. 23: Crocheting Basics. Classes begin at 10 AM.

At the FAB Fair in February, we will be having a craft sale table and a free craft table for the children. A raffle will begin with the winners being drawn at our March meeting.

We have been having "Dimes for Nyolo" games at each meeting. This takes about 5 minutes, and range from Trivia to "Name that Tune." For each answer a club member does not know, they have to donate a dime. It has been fun.

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club will be sponsoring a "Red, White, & Blues" event at the Skowhegan Free Public Library to benefit the elevator fund. This is a red and white wine tasting, plus

munchies, followed by "blues" music. It will be held on March 10 from 6-8 PM.

Wishing all good health and take care on the ice!

### **GFWC Semper Fidelis Club**

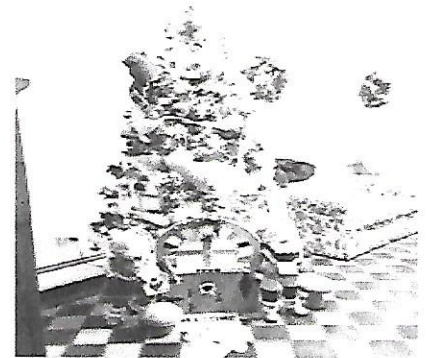
The GFWC Semper Fidelis Club welcomed two new members to the Club last fall as a result of their "Hobo Night" membership meeting. Club member, Carol Jarvais, prepared a crock pot of chicken & dumplings and a second one of beef stew. Club members all brought three cans of vegetables with them to the meeting – one can to dump into the stew and the other two saved for our Thanksgiving basket. The cans were then washed and labels marking them as "Hobo Stew". Plastic forks and spoons were wrapped in red and black napkins and secured with twine. The table was decorated with a red and white checkered table cloth, and all members and guests were given a red bandana. The stew was delicious! The speaker for the evening was Monique Dionne, a local restaurant owner, about the Little Free Library she recently installed at their location.

The increase in illegal drug use in our State is alarming. Skip Gates, spoke to the Club on the "Opiate Effect". Skip's son Will, who was a very bright, athletic and well, liked young man, died of a heroin overdose while in college in Vermont. Skip presented a video he was a participant in conjunction with the State of Vermont DEA, which included interviews with several young heroin addicts in recovery. It also included an interview with the drug dealer who happened to be the one who sold the drugs to Will. He is now serving a long sentence in prison. November is Men's Health month. GFWC Semper Fidelis Club honored this by

participating in "Mo'vember." Club members all wore mustaches and welcomed Dr. Mike Lambke, who lead a lively discussion on men's health issues. Afterwards the Club played a game of "Pin the Mustache" on a picture of Tom Selleck.

GFWC Semper Fidelis Club won third place for a tree they decorated at the Redington Home for the Skowhegan Holiday stroll. Club members enjoyed a Christmas party with a Yankee swap at their December meeting.

The Club rounded the year out with several successful fund raisers, including their Community Birthday Calendar, RADA Knife sales, Thanksgiving pie sales, and Poinsettia sales.



### **DISTRICT 3**

#### **GFWC ARTS Club** Pittsfield

The Pittsfield ARTS (Always Ready to Serve) club had a busy holiday season.

The Friday after Thanksgiving had the club hosting a meal at the local Welcome Table. The Welcome Table provides a free meal at a local church every Friday. The meal consisted of Roasted Pork with vegetables, mashed potato and desserts.



On November 30<sup>th</sup> the ARTS club decorated a Christmas tree at the Pittsfield Public Library. The library held their annual open house and was also part of the Holiday Christmas Tour hosted by the SVH Auxiliary.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> the ARTS club held their Annual Christmas Craft Auction. Many items were up for bid and refreshments were served at intermission by the honorary members of the ARTS club. The club also had their Avon fundraiser in order to get items for the Domestic Women's shelter.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> the club held their annual Christmas party at the home of Rae Hersey. Christmas carols were sung by the members with club members Marge Goodwin and Barbara Jones playing the piano. Club members enjoyed wonderful pot luck and gifts for the Women's shelters were collected. Gifts were delivered the following day by Rae in hopes they would make the holidays a little better for the Women and children at the shelter. The club has done this for many years instead of a gift swap. Happy New Year from all the members of the Pittsfield ARTS club.

### **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club**

The GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club held their annual Election Day bake sale at the polls and it was a huge success! The club took in \$435.01! Many baked goodies were made by club members, and four members "manned" the tables until all the items were sold by about 2 PM.

At the November club meeting, members brought in unwrapped Christmas gifts for teens which were donated to the Dexter Sunshine Club to put together

and distribute. Guest speaker was our very own GFWC Maine President Mary Libby who talked about her goals for her administration and about her President's Project.

In December, 3 club members made dozens of sugar cookies for children to decorate after the town's Christmas parade. The club also held its annual Christmas party on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the town hall. Club members signed Christmas cards which were distributed to the local nursing home. There was Christmas music, games, a lot of food, and fun had by all!!

Laura Neal  
President  
GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club

### **GFWC MIOSAC Club** Dover-Foxcroft

The GFWC Miosac Club is, "Living the Volunteer Spirit with Sparkle and Shine!" On November 1<sup>st</sup>, we were delighted to formally welcome our newest member, Wendy Hutchins, into the GFWC Miosac Club, with an induction ceremony written by Suzanne Raymond. President Anne Cress conducted the ceremony and presented Wendy with a GFWC membership pin. Wendy is a fifth grade teacher at SeDoMoCha Middle School in Dover-Foxcroft. She is young(er) than the rest of us "old gals" and we are excited to have some fresh ideas and insight in our midst! Wendy is a rare find and a tremendous asset to our Club. We are all so glad to welcome her as our "Miosac" sister!

Our District 3 Meeting and Art Show are tentatively scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> in Pittsfield. We are planning to have our local High School Art Show the end of March. Wendy Hutchins has

agreed to step up to the plate as our new Club Art Show Chairman. There you go! That is the true spirit of a new clubwoman!

Suzanne Raymond will Chair a new committee to review and revise our current GFWC Miosac Club by-laws as necessary, so as to remain current with those by-laws of GFWC, and to up-date and delete as necessary any by-laws that are no longer prudent to the GFWC Miosac Club. These proposed revisions will be presented at the second meeting in January 2017.

With Carol Kilpatrick as our Chairman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> local Dover-Foxcroft Business and Medical Directory, we have made a profit of \$2107.90 from businesses who have donated \$20.00 each to have their establishment / business listed on this large, legal- sized card stock to be distributed to the Chamber of Commerce for free, or to anyone who would like to have a copy at no charge. What a tremendous fundraiser for the club! Thank-you Carol and committee members!

The "hat" was passed around on November 15<sup>th</sup> to the club members for donations to the Annual Children's Kiwanis Christmas Program. With the monies collected, the Club was able to provide for three children whose names had been submitted to the Kiwanis Program as children of local families who were in need of assistance. We again, were so very honored to participate in this very worthy Christmas project, and we had a wonderful experience shopping together as a Club for these children. It warmed our inner souls to be asked to participate. For us, this experience exemplifies the true meaning of Christmas!



On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, we lost one of our most gracious and loving members, Athalie Burke. Athalie had been a member of GFWC for sixty years. Our Club was pleased to have had her as our "Miosac" sister for the past ten years. She was an extraordinary lady, and she will always be deeply missed.



On December 13<sup>th</sup>, we met at the beautiful home of Barbara Austin for our Christmas Party. The food was fabulous! The fellowship was glorious! The talk hilarious! You know there was wine available!! In November, we drew names. Each member was to buy a gift for a child that reminded her of the name she had drawn. Such as, if you drew Barbara Austin's name, you might buy a Barbie Doll. These gifts were wrapped with no name attached. Each clubwoman chose a gift from the tree and unwrapped it, then everyone had to guess who the gift represented. It was a wonderful experience, with all the gifts going to the local Kiwanis Club for distribution to those children less fortunate than our own. Before leaving the Christmas party, each member received a special teacup and saucer left to us by Athalie. These special treasures from our beautiful "sister" brought joy as well as tears to our eyes as we each unwrapped this special gift

as we remembered our beloved Athalie.

It is our hope that each of you had a happy holiday season filled with love, and have been given the promise of a bright new tomorrow!

With Our Love,  
The GFWC Miosac Club Gals

#### **DISTRICT 4** **GFWC Castine Women's Club**

Woosh!!! The Castine Woman's Club eventful and successful 2016 year just flew by! And another exciting new year has already rushed in!

The CWC plans to fill 2017 with engaging events and meetings. The Club, as usual, will not hold general meetings in January and February, and also not in March this year. Although the Club is scaling back on its winter activities, such as the bridge luncheon and dinners-at-noon, the Club does have a number of fun spring activities lined up.

When the Club gathers together again this spring for its first monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 4, weaver extraordinaire and former CWC secretary Marjie Wheeler will share highlights from her "Weaving Trip to Guatemala." On Tuesday, May 2, Cherie Gaylean will enlighten the Club on "Involving the Youth in the Community." These meetings will be held at and generously hosted by the Wilson Museum. As usual, the community is invited and always welcome.

Keep warm and well... best wishes for a productive and happy 2017 from the Castine Woman's Club!

Val Taub  
CWC Past-President

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The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch.



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**Reminder**  
**Send in your registration  
for Spring Convention.**

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*Small things, done in great  
love, bring joy and peace.*

#### **NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP**

As GFWC Maine President Mary Libby begins her new administration, let's kick it off by having all clubs participate in GFWC's "It's The Real Deal" campaign! This is a nationwide year-round membership recruitment campaign.

**GO FISH FOR MEMBERS:** report how many new members your club recruited for June, July, and August (reports due to me by September 1st).

**BRIDGE THE GAP:** report to me by December 1st how many



new members were recruited during September, October, and November. **GAME OF HEARTS:** new members recruited during the months of December, January, and February (reports due to me by March 1st). **52 PICK UP - A MEMBERSHIP TOOL:** new members for March, April, and May (reports due to me by June 1st).

Neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family all deserve the chance to be a part of GFWC, because GFWC has, does, and will continue to change lives for the better. It is important we learn how to invite and encourage women to become part of our clubs so that our communities can continue to improve through the work of GFWC volunteers and programs. Member recruitment is an ongoing process that requires the focus and commitment of all your club members. Be determined to succeed with your recruitment efforts! GFWC is offering a \$50 grant to help clubs with their recruitment efforts.

To apply go to:

Laura Neal,  
GFWC Maine Membership  
Chairman

***Don't limit your  
challenges –  
challenge your  
limits."***

## **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

I received a note from Gloria Leveillee regarding the article that appeared in the November / December Pine Tree Notes was in error. Please disregard that article. Sorry for the error.

Beth A. Turner  
Corresponding Secretary

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## **Ads in the Directory**

Several ads were omitted in error in the current Directory. These will be included in the upcoming Directory. GFWC is most appreciative to these businesses for their support. The businesses were:

**Holland Variety Drug**, 12 High St., Skowhegan

**Keyes-Carpenter Insurance**

**Designs**, 4 Winter St., Skowhegan

**Ever After**, 700 River Rd., Norridgewock

**Madlyn's**, 157 Waterville Rd., Skowhegan

**Bee Line Cable**, Skowhegan

**Skowhegan History House & Skowhegan Public Library**

Please support these businesses and let them know that GFWC is grateful for their support to all of the good works we do to make a difference to our fellow man.

## **Upcoming Events GFWC Maine:**

**May 10-12, 2017**  
Spring Convention  
Hollywood Casino Hotel, Bangor, ME

**July 12, 2017**  
Summer Board Meeting  
Margaret Chase Smith Library, Skowhegan

**Fall 2017** – District Conferences  
District 1 – Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at  
Westbrook Warren Church.

District 2 – Oct. 28 details to come.

Districts 3 & 4 – Dover-Foxcroft

**Specific details for District Meetings to come.**

**February, 2018**  
Mid-winter Executive Meeting,  
Westbrook, ME

**May 10 & 11, 2018**  
Spring Convention  
Best Western, Waterville, ME



## **Home Life Spring 2017**

Greeting Fellow clubwomen,

Home Life Community Service Program is designed to keep members informed of issues that affect the well-being of individuals, families and communities. To that end we provide opportunities and resources to meet those needs through volunteering

Community Service Projects are projects that members initiate and participate in to serve the needs of their communities, but DO NOT include projects that relate to GFWC Partners

The GFWC Partners are The Health Truth which is sponsored by the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (part of the National Institutes of Health) and seeks to raise awareness about heart disease and educates and motivates women to take action to prevent the disease. I would be happy to do a program on this for your club.

Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts about Gynecologic Cancer seeks to raise awareness in women about their risk factors and explain the differences of each one.

Canine Companions for Independence is a wonderful program where clubwomen help to raise selected 8 week old puppies for 15 months then return them for more professional training before they are placed with people with disabilities. They feature a program called "The Wounded Veteran's Initiative" where assistance dogs are placed with wounded veterans.

Easter Seals has been around for awhile and seeks to make a profound difference in the lives of individuals and families with disabilities and special needs.

I hope you have sent in your reports on these and other projects that you have been doing. I look forward to reading them and choosing the best and most unique to forward to GFWC. If you haven't done anything in the Home Life Department, I hope you will consider fitting something for you club year 2017- 2018.

Sally Manchester  
GFWC Maine Home Life Chairman

### **GFWC INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

My dear friends,

As chairman for this program area, I am so looking forward to receiving your club reports for your International Outreach efforts when they arrive to me from GFWC Maine Vice President Carol Jarvais! As clubwomen we serve in so many ways, largely in supporting our local communities. However, as women of vision, how wonderful it is that we are able to look beyond our own areas and reach out to the global communities . . . truly helping to make the world a better place. Looking over material provided in the GFWC Club Manual there are so many ways of supporting programs and projects, and I truly am looking forward to hearing about the way Maine club women are reaching out.

Thank you so much to GFWC Semper Fidelis Club and GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club for making donations to the GFWC Operation Smile Mission trip. I will be setting aside an additional \$10.00 for each of these donations. Again, thanks so much for taking me up on my pledge. I encourage other clubs to do the same! My pledge will be good throughout this entire administration.

Thank you to GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club for their donation to CARE. Although CARE is no longer one of the partnerships, it most certainly is still an ongoing organization, reaching out to help. Did you know CARE operates in 95 countries reaching out to more than 65 million people – through nearly 900 lifesaving projects such as food aid, health programs, clean water, etc. In closing, take care of yourselves as well as others, be of good health and good cheer!

Suzanne Raymond

**The GFWC Maine Chairman, Kathy White, Notes on the  
Signature Program Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention**

First, and foremost, GFWC is making an impact on Domestic Violence! That is really good news!! I have said many times in my life, "There is always some good in the bad as long as we are willing to do something about the issue."

I am pleased to let you know that YOU, GFWC Maine clubwomen, have been and are still willing to do "The GOOD" when it concerns the Signature Program.

At our Fall Conference I informed members what the plans are for this administration for GFWC and for GFWC Maine.

The GFWC Signature Program is asking every member to encourage, by successfully empowering yourself, to 'SHOW CONCERN' to a friend or acquaintance, that may be a victim of domestic abuse. With each member doing so, we may be able to touch one or more with the information they may need in their life that will make the difference.

GFWC Maine will continue to support the State wide High School Essay Contest working with MCEAP and Legal Services for the Elderly. The essay prompt is "What is Elder Abuse and What Does it Mean to Me." This falls under the Signature Program Elder Abuse. Your Clubs will report the activities that you do for the Essay Contest under the Signature Program.

I want to give a Big Thank-You to the members who supported the raffle at the fall conference to begin the funds for the winners. A total of \$250.00 was collected for the Contest.

One member, who asked to be anonymous, has donated \$25.00 and has challenged each Club and or Member to match her donation. If Clubs and members would consider this, we would reach our goal for June. Are you up to the Challenge!!!

I would like to thank the GFWC Semper Fidelis Club for their generous donation. They are the first Club to send in a donation for the Essay Contest.

Please share with your membership and if you are willing to donate to High School Essay Contest, make your check out to **GFWC Maine. On the check mark Signature Program DV Essay Contest and Mail the check to: Kathy White, 15 Memorial Drive, Winterport, Maine 04496.** Please know any amount is welcome and gratefully appreciated. Keep up the great work you are doing in your communities on this very important issue.

Because of each one of you our communities are blessed and I am blessed having you a part of my volunteer life!

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## **GFWC ME Delegates Fund**

Thank you to all the five clubs that have donated to the Delegates Fund. This money is used to defray costs for the state president to attend National Convention the year she retires from the office. Just a reminder, to send in donations if you haven't done so. They may be sent to June Nickerson-Hovey, 145 Waterville Rd. Skowhegan, Maine 04976

### **Fundraising**

Wow, can you believe it is time to think and plan for our Spring convention? As you all know by now we are having an auction to raise money for our GFWC Maine. We have heard from a few clubs and members already and we have some great donations. If you or your club has not let me know what you plan to donate, I would like to have that information by the end of March.

Below are some suggestions but you are not limited to just these items, let your imagination go wild! Don't forget to let us know what you are donating

**Joyce Noonan**  
**Fundraising Chairman**  
**[janoonan@beeline-online.net](mailto:janoonan@beeline-online.net)**

Theater Tickets  
Windjammer Cruise  
Antiques  
Gift cards  
Jewelry  
China/Crystal  
Plane ticket  
Symphony Ticket  
Week at Camp  
Concert tickets  
Red Sox Tickets  
Collectables  
Paintings/prints  
The use of a condo

Services:

- *House painting*
- *Gardening*
- *Estate Planning*
- *Preparing a will*
- *Tax preparation*



**GFWC Maine Spring Convention**  
**May 10-12, 2017 Hollywood Hotel and Casino Bangor**  
**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for name tag: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Of Club/Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
GFWC Maine Position: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Guest ☐ Booster  
Registration Fee - ☐ \$15 one day ☐ \$25 both days

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1. Make checks payable to GFWC Maine for total of meals and registration fee.
2. Please complete a separate registration form for each attendee.
3. Mail registration form and check by April 28, 2017  
Norma Manning 124 Austin St, Westbrook, Maine 04092; 207-615-8831
4. Please note no refunds will be possible after May 5!
5. There will be a \$10 late fee for registrations received after May 1, 2017

**Meal selection** [prices include tax, service charge, and gratuity]

**Thursday Lunch:** State Of Maine;

☐ \$22 Hollywood Deli Buffet of sandwich meats and cheese with rolls.

**Thursday Night Banquet:** "Sparkling through the night" Cocktail attire.

Select one \$35

☐ NY Strip Sirloin

☐ Seafood Stuffed Haddock

☐ Fettuccine Shrimp & Spinach Alfrado

Served with regular and decaffeinated coffee with assorted teas, along with garden salad, warm dinner rolls and Chef's choice of sides.

**Friday Lunch Buffet:**

☐ \$22 Assorted pizzas with your choice of toppings and tossed seasonal greens with assorted dressings.

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Total : \_\_\_\_\_

Grand total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hollywood Hotel And Casino**

**GFWC Maine Spring Convention**

500 Main Street

Bangor, ME 04401

Phone 1-877-779-7771

Guest room rates - \$89 Plus Tax

## Reservations must be made by April 14, 2017

Reservations made after this date will be subject to room availability. To receive rates you must refer to "GFWC Maine" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged!

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS** - When traveling north or south on I95, take Exit 182A to I395. Then take Exit 3B onto Main Street and continue on Main Street until you arrive at Hollywood Casino Hotel & Raceway.

### **Special Guest speakers;**

GFWC Second Vice-President Debra "Deb" Strahanoski has been a dedicated GFWC Illinois clubwoman for 28 years and is highly regarded as a mentor to many. Deb's boundless energy has been apparent during her Federation journey; she has served her clubs and district in various roles. She served the GFWC Illinois Board of Directors as State Project Chairman, Director of Junior Clubs 2000-2002, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen and GFWC Illinois President 2008- 2010, and currently GFWC Illinois Protocol Chairman. Her GFWC leadership positions have included Home Life Chairman, Membership Chairman, Community Improvement Program Award Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary and helped ignite The Campaign for the Future as chairman of the Capital Campaign Committee.

Deb is a highly respected volunteer and leader with GFWC and in her community. She has served Easter seals and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois on both regional and state levels, and has been honored with the coveted Friends of Children Award by PCA Illinois. Since 2005, Deb has been employed with Easter seals as Development Manager, managing annual fundraising activities and events for the Joliet Region. She credits much of her professional success to all she has garnered through Federation.

Deb assists her husband Bill in his public accounting office, which they have owned since 1984. They have two children and one grandchild. Her visionary leadership, extensive experience and infectious enthusiasm have inspired new and veteran members alike.

### **Dr Charles Radis**

Dr. Radis is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine, and has taught in the internal medicine, pediatric, and family practice programs at both Maine Medical Center and the University of New England. He has volunteered extensively, teaching family practice residents at the Bangalore Baptist Hospital in southern India, and more recently helping to develop a sustainable collaborative public health project in South Sudan through a non-profit he founded with his wife, Sandi, The Maine African Partnership for Social Justice.

# THE CAROLYN LOMBARDI TRAVELING TROPHY CREDITS

May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017

Please fill in and send to: Carol A. Jarvais, V.P.  
57 Coburn Ave., Skowhegan, ME 04976  
(postmarked no later than May 1, 2017)

1. Dues payment postmarked **before** Jan. 1, 2017 100 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Representation at Fall Conference, Auburn, ME '16 25 \_\_\_\_\_  
10 Additional Points for each member attending (maximum of 5) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Representation at NER Conference, Warwick, RI '16 25 \_\_\_\_\_  
10 Additional Points for each member attending (maximum of 5) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Registration for Spring Convention, Bangor '17 25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Club President Attending Spring Convention '17 50 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Club yearbooks/programs sent to State Officers & District President (see Guide for Club Presidents) 30 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Club meeting with Dist. Pres. or GFWC Maine officer as speaker 25 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Organized a new club in town or in close geographic area 100 \_\_\_\_\_
8. NET increase in dues paying membership as of December 31st.  
eg. 1-2 new members 10 points each (max 20 points) \_\_\_\_\_  
3-5 new members 40 points each (Max 120 Points) \_\_\_\_\_  
More than 5 new members 200 points \_\_\_\_\_
9. "GFWC" is part of the club's official name. 25 \_\_\_\_\_
10. Mailed Annual reports and Narratives before Feb. 1 50 \_\_\_\_\_  
At least 3 Narratives included with Annual Reports 50 \_\_\_\_\_
11. Sponsored High School Art Contestant(s) 25 \_\_\_\_\_
12. Contributions to: \$1-\$24 = 10 Points - Over \$25 = 50 Points  
Delegates Fund..... \_\_\_\_\_  
Educational Loan Fund..... \_\_\_\_\_  
Endowment Fund..... \_\_\_\_\_  
Maine Youth Leadership..... \_\_\_\_\_  
GFWC/GFWC Maine Project ..... \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Art Contest Award Fund..... \_\_\_\_\_
13. Sponsored a local scholarship 50 \_\_\_\_\_
14. DIRECTORY 10 points for each **elected officer** up to 40 points 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
PINE TREE NOTES 10 points for each order up to 40 points 10 \_\_\_\_\_
15. Ad placed in Club's name or club members' name in DIRECTORY:  
(up to 100 points maximum) \_\_\_\_\_  
See instructions in General Information Full page (max 225) 75 \_\_\_\_\_  
regarding commissions for selling Half page (max 120) 40 \_\_\_\_\_  
additional ads. Quarter page (max 60) 20 \_\_\_\_\_
16. Club Member serving on Executive Committee or Board of Directors (chairman) 25 \_\_\_\_\_
17. Club Member serving as District President 25 \_\_\_\_\_
18. Club Member serving as Fall Conference Volunteer  
(Registration Table, Page, Courtesy Committee, Scrapbook Judge) 20 \_\_\_\_\_
19. Club Member serving as Spring Convention Volunteer  
(Registration Table, Page, Courtesy Committee, Scrapbook Judge) 20 \_\_\_\_\_
20. Your Club had a member submit an application for LEADS 50 \_\_\_\_\_
21. Your Club submitted an application for Jennie June Award 50 \_\_\_\_\_
22. Your Club will submitted a scrapbook at previous convention 50 \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME AND TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. The trophy is a silver bowl. This Traveling Trophy is awarded at Spring Convention annually and must be returned each year for presentation to the next winner.
2. No engraving is done for a first-time winner. A certificate will be presented.
3. Any club winning the award for two consecutive years shall have the club's name and the calendar years in which the award was won inscribed on the Trophy. The club shall be a non-contestant the following two spring conventions.
4. The club with the second highest number of points will be awarded \$25.00.

## **GWFC NEW ENGLAND REGION**

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